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Cedarville College Alumni News

October, 1962

COLLEGE TO OBSERVE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY IN CONJUNCTION WITH HOMECOMING FESTIVITIES

At Duaneburgh, New York, in May of 1879, the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church decided to establish a liberal arts college. By the will of William Gibson, an elder in the First Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati, a bequest of \$25,000 was left in 1886 to found the college at Cedarville, Greene County, Ohio. At the meeting of the General Synod held in Coulterville, Illinois, in May, 1894, the Synod, upon recommendation of the board of trustees, elected Dr. McKinney first President of Cedarville College. The board chose a faculty, and on Wednesday, September 19, 1894, the college was formally opened for instruction to thirty-six students in the fine old mansion formerly occupied by Dr. Hugh McMillan's Academy. (Copied from the MIRACLE, 1962.)

This was the beginning of our college. Through the past seventy-five years, since the granting of the charter, Cedarville College has progressed through the administrations of Dr. David McKinney, Dr. Wilbur McChesney, Rev. Walter Kilpatrick, Mr. Ira D. Vayhinger, and the present administration of Dr. James T. Jeremiah. The observance of the diamond anniversary is to be held the weekend of November 16-18.

Saturday, November 17, is the date of the annual Homecoming festivities. A full day of activities has been planned for the enjoyment of all those in attendance. The day will be concluded with a pageant depicting the history and growth of Cedarville College through the years.

It is the desire of the Administration that the Alumni make a special effort to attend this anniversary observance. The number of Alumni attending homecoming has increased each year. We hope that this trend will continue.

Please note that a special business meeting has been called for the afternoon of the 17th. Important constitutional changes are to be discussed.

Additional material will be in the hands of Alumni shortly.

CAMPUS CHANGES

Progress necessitates change. In keeping with this proposition several changes are apparent on the campus. With the expected soon completion of the new gymnasium-student center, changes are being made in two other buildings. Old Alford Memorial Gymnasium is being converted to a chapel-auditorium. A stage is being constructed at the east end of the building, the bleachers are to be removed and theater type seats installed. This is to be completed by Homecoming.

Milner Chapel is being used as a large lecture room at present. Plans to change it into a regular classroom building will be realized in the near future.

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY!!!

No, we're not advertising for takers. We're looking for givers! In other words, we're looking for you. Why should I give, you ask? Well read the next two paragraphs and see. Don't read them and weep.

First, you may give your dues to the Association. This year they are \$5. Remember, the dues constitute the operating fund of the Association. There is a necessity to bolster this fund now!

Second, you may give toward the book fund for the purpose of purchasing 1000 volumes for the library. Our goal is \$6,000. Only a relative few have contributed thus far. This is a responsibility which each Alumnus should share. What have you done about it. Let us hear from you soon. Send contributions to the Alumni Association in care of the college.

\$200 GIVEN TO COLLEGE

A gift of \$200. was appropriated recently by the Executive Committee as a gift to the college to be applied toward the purchase of clocks. Two years ago the Alumni Association purchased a new central time system which is designed to standardize time devices campus wide. With new construction and additional remodeling, more clocks are necessary. The gift will cover the cost of this additional equipment.

GRADUATE DEGREE CONFERRED

Mr. Merlin Ager ('60) recently was granted the M.A. degree in guidance and counseling by the University of Wisconsin.

PUBLICATION CHANGE

Because of the date of homecoming, the November and December issues of the Alumni News will be combined into a special issue to be published on December 1. Regular publication will begin again with the January issue.